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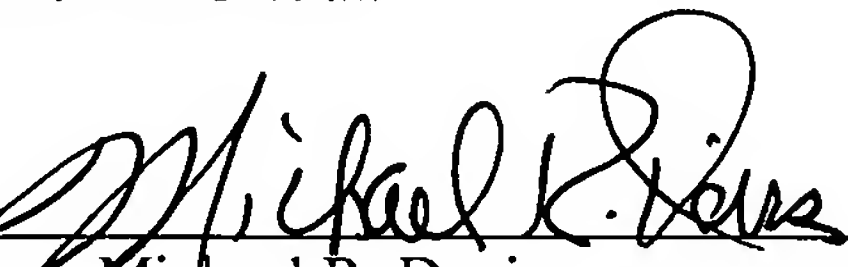
- a. ☐ a full or partial English language translation submitted herewith,
- b. ☒ a foreign patent office search report (in the English language) submitted herewith,
- c. ☐ the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at page,
- d. ☒ the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
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6. ☒ Comments:

In addition to the references cited on the attached PTO 1449 Form, the attached Supplementary European Search Report also cites JP 08-060547 which is cited in Applicants' IDS filed January 6, 2006, which was accompanied by a copy of this reference together with an English abstract thereof. Another English abstract (attached to a copy of the reference), which was included with the Supplementary European Search Report, is submitted herewith.

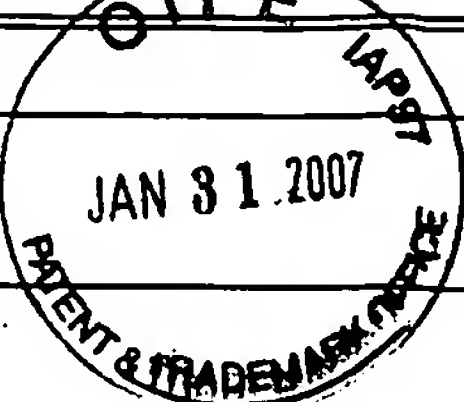
Applicants also take this opportunity to file an English translation of the PCT written opinion together with forms PCT/IB/338 and 373, copies of which are enclosed.

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